

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-4, 9-12, and 17-20 having been amended, and Claims 28-30 having been added. Support for the amendments to Claims 1, 9, and 17 are found, for example, Figs. 1A-6B, their corresponding descriptions in the specification, and the attached appendices. Support for new Claims 28-30 is found, for example, on page 25, lines 13-20. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Rada et al. (*Hypertext Interchange Using ICA*, June 1995, pages 99-117, hereinafter Rada); Claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as anticipated by Rada in view of Burnard (*SGML on the Web: Too Little Too Soon, or Too Much Too Late?*, Nov. 1, 1996, pages 1-9); and Claims 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rada in view of Burnard, and further in view of Linden (*Structured Document Transformations*, June 1997, pages NP-1, NP-48, NP-49, NP-50, and NP-53).

Initially, Applicants respectfully traverse the position taken in the outstanding Office Action that Linden in prior art as of June 1997. Linden is an academic dissertation, which the Office assumes was published in June 1997. There is no evidence that this dissertation was published or otherwise made publicly available in June 1997. The Office merely assumes that the June 1997 date on cover is the publication date. However, this is inconsistent with the copyright date of 2004, also on the face of the document. Furthermore, the date of retrieval of the document, located in the lower right corner, is 2/15/2007.

Applicants note MPEP §2128, which states “Prior art disclosures on the Internet or on an online database are considered to be publicly available as of the date the item was publicly posted. Absent evidence of the date that the disclosure was publicly posted, if the publication itself does not include a publication date (or retrieval date), it cannot be relied upon as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) or (b).”

The Office is respectfully requested to identify which section of 35 U.S.C. §102 Linden is believed to qualify as prior art under, and to produce evidence of the actual date that Linden was published or became publicly available. Absent this evidence, Applicants respectfully submit that Linden is not prior art and respectfully request that the outstanding rejections based on Linden be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 1 as anticipated by Rada, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 1 overcomes this ground of rejection. Amended Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “transforming a first ~~information~~ document or database structure provided in the first structured format into a second ~~information~~ document or database structure in the second structured format based on the translation information.” Rada does not disclose or suggest at least this element of amended Claim 1.

Rada addresses the problem of hypertext mapping, which is different from structure mapping. Section 7.1 of Rada states that most systems are style sheets. In addition, none of the sections in Rada discuss mapping the structure. Rather, Rada concentrates on the treatment of the hyperlink in mapping one system to another.

As clarified by the present amendment, the claimed invention does not merely transform information. As clarified by the present amendment, the claimed invention transforms a first document or database structure into a second document or database structure. This is different that the mere treatment of hyperlinks and style sheets.

Furthermore, Burnard does not cure the above-noted deficiencies in Rada.

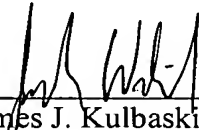
In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 (and Claims 2-16, 25, and 28 dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Rada and Burnard, taken alone or in proper combination.

In addition, Claims 9 and 17 recite elements analogous to those of Claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 9 and 17 (and Claims 10-16, 18-27, 29, and 30 dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Rada and Burnard, taken alone or in proper combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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